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Remarkable Nonsense about the Holocaust

Gas chambers at Bergen-Belsen

Sigi Ziering; Tycoon Survived Nazi Camps

• Executive Became a Philanthropy and High-Tech Leader

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It must have been the "training" of the Holocaust, the self-described workaholic speculated to Fortune magazine a couple of years ago. "Unless you work," he said, "you are destined for the gas chamber."

And work he did -- as a teenager relocated to the ghetto in Riga, Latvia, then to Fuhlsbuttel prison near Hamburg, Germany, and on to a Kiel concentration camp. He survived the Nazis but never stopped working until about a year ago, when he was diagnosed with brain cancer.

Sigi Ziering, who turned a chemist's bright idea into Diagnostic Products Corp., one of Los Angeles' most successful international high-tech companies, died Sunday. He was 72.

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Toward the end of the war, the Zierings were moved to the Fuhlsbuttel prison. Every week, they watched Nazis load 10 or so Jews into a truck destined for Bergen-Belsen and the gas chambers. "With German precision," Ziering told Fortune in 1998, "the guards went at their job alphabetically -- and never got to Z."

Later, the Zierings were marched to a Kiel concentration camp, where males were routinely murdered if they failed a physical test -- running a mile carrying a heavy piece of wood. Ziering and his brother passed.

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Bergen-Belsen -- The obituary of Sigi Ziering in Tuesday's Times incorrectly stated that there were gas chambers at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

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